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Santa Coming Here Saturday



Just about everybody in this area is expected to be in Robert Lee Saturday when the BCD will have its annual Christmas Party and visit from Santa Claus.

Hundreds of dollars worth of free gifts will be given to lucky persons whose names are drawn from the cage. The gifts were all donated by Robert Lee businessmen.

In addition to the visit from Santa and the drawing, kids under 18 in town Saturday afternoon will be treated to a free movie. A parade will feature the Robert Lee School Band and a number of Christmas floats.

The celebration will get underway at 1 p.m. when the movie will begin at the Alamo Theater. The show will be "Fathom" and will feature Raquel Welch, Tony Franciosa and Donald Fraser.

Immediately following the free show, the parade will begin. The parade route will be from Highway 208 to downtown Robert Lee. A number of school organizations are working on floats for the parade and the band music of the Robert Lee School Band will add color to the occasion.

Climax of the parade will be the arrival of Santa Claus on the big, red fire truck. He will distribute hundreds of sacks of candy to all the children who are present.

Winners Must Be Present

After Santa has given away his candy and talked to the youngsters, the drawing will begin. The cage with many hundreds of names in it will be set up in front of The Observer office. Gifts from all participating merchants will be given to the person whose name is drawn if he is present.

BCD officials in charge of the drawing pointed out that there is still plenty of time to register at any of the stores cooperating with the Christmas party. Only those who are over 16 years of age are eligible to register.

The annual Christmas party is sponsored by the BCD and the cost of the event plus prizes are provided by Robert Lee merchants as an expression of their gratitude for the patronage which has been given them during the past year. The event has grown into a local tradition during the many years it has been held.

Garland Davis is overall planning chairman for the party and he said this week that many other persons have lended assistance of various kinds to make the party a success.

A large number of persons have worked and will continue to do so through Saturday to make the occasion a success. Persons who have been appointed to specific jobs are as follows:

Victor Wojtek in charge of the movie.

Sheriff Melvin Childress will direct the parade route and be in charge of traffic control during the entire program.

Fire Chief Waymond Robertson will be in charge of providing Santa's transportation.

Sam Williams will furnish the public address system and perform necessary work in connection with the drawing.

Mrs. Mary L. Prine has been in charge of publicity and advertising and furnished registration slips for the drawing.

Vaughan Davis purchased the candy.

Gene Hinnard and his Boy Scout troop sacked the candy.

Bill Beaty and Bobby Palmos distributed registration slips and solicited gift donations and expense money.

BCD President Jim Bickley said this week that the response from merchants in donating prizes has been wonderful. He added, "The Christmas party is held for every person in the community and I

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Supreme Court Refuses To Reverse Consolidation

Plaintiffs in an appeal to the Texas Supreme Court to reverse decisions of lower courts and invalidate the Robert Lee-Silver school consolidation election held Feb. 26, 1966, met another reversal last week when the state's highest court refused to reverse previous decisions.

The state supreme court said it found no reversible error in a ruling of the Third Court of Civil Appeals which upheld a decision of Judge Joe L. Meyes in 51st District Court in Coke County.

Original count of votes in the Silver box was 76-74 for consolidation. After going through Judge Mays' district court, several irregular ballots were invalidated, and he ruled that the election carried by the same small two-vote margin, but the count was 73-71.

The suit is styled J. B. Walker et al vs. W. W. Thetford, et al. The plaintiffs include several who live at Silver or formerly lived there. The defendants in the suit include Coke County's four commissioners and County Attorney Frank C. Dickey.

Walker told the Observer late Wednesday that no decision had been reached as to further pursuit of the appeal to have the election invalidated. He said he and other plaintiffs had not decided what to do. Next step for further appeal would be the Supreme Court of the United States.

The main bone of contention in the appeal is that persons voted illegally in the election. Voting took place during a period after

the U. S. Supreme Court ruled that Texas' poll tax law was unconstitutional and before the state got around to setting up a new voter registration law to take the place of the poll tax requirement.

In view of the unsettled condition of voting requirements, two

ballot boxes were set up: one was used by persons who had paid a poll tax and one was used by persons who had not paid a poll tax but were otherwise qualified voters of the school district.

The Third Court of Civil Appeals in its decision ruled that

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Randy Hall Member 6A All-District Eleven

Randy Hall, Robert Lee Steers' leading scorer for 1967, was named by the Abilene Reporter-News in its selection of an All Area Class A football team. Hall, a senior end on the team, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Hall.

His outstanding record shows that he has scored 60 points for a fat portion of the 270 points made by the Steers during the past season.

In addition to his scoring record, Hall was the team's leading pass receiver and ground gainer. He completed 38 passes for a total of 502 yards gained.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY

The best part of all — to students at least — will start next Wednesday, Dec. 20, when classes will be dismissed for the Christmas holidays.

Supt. Jimmy Bickley announced that the holidays will be concluded Jan. 2, when school will be resumed at the regular time.

Hall carried the ball from scrimmage only nine times during the season, but he made a total of 101 yards for an average of 11.1 yards per carry, also a 1967 Steer first.

Hall had four pass interceptions for third spot on his team. He was bested in this department by Darrell Pitcock and Gary Williams, who had seven each.

To top off his senior year in football, the elusive end tied for top spot in fumbles recovered with Donnie Devoll, both having four each.

The complete team:

Randy Hall, Robert Lee and Rudy Mendoza, Ranger, ends; Nathan Ray, Aspermont, and Preston Sunday, Ranger, tackles; Kent Geeslin, Goldthwaite, and Andy Hamilton, Ranger, guards; Tom Goleman, Ranger, quarterback; Mike Samford, Aspermont, Felix Castillo, Merkel, and Ken Gregory, Coahoma, backs.

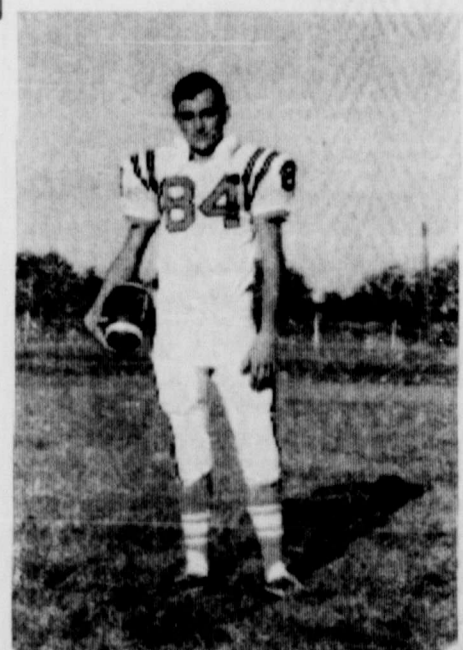
Public Invited To Driver Program

Members of Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club and their ladies will have a banquet next Tuesday night at the Robert Lee recreation hall, and immediately following, at 7 p.m., will sponsor a program to explain new drivers laws which will go into effect Jan. 1.

Frank Perkins of San Angelo's office of the Department of Public Safety will be the featured speaker. The public is invited and urged to attend the program.

Sheriff Melvin Childress said that everyone needs to be informed on the new laws which affect all drivers. Particular attention will be called to some rather drab Nueses Canyon, ended with Renewing drivers licenses.

The sheriff said that a person will be required to take a written examination, and possibly a driving examination when he renews his license. Eye tests will also be given, and each person will be photographed and a thumb print taken.



Randy Hall

BCD Sponsoring Decoration Contest

Members of Robert Lee BCD voted Tuesday to sponsor a Christmas decoration contest again this year.

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places in the contest. The awards will be \$10, \$5 and \$2.50.

Outside decorations of homes and yards will be judged by a committee from El Valle Garden Club. Judging will be done Dec. 22.

All Robert Lee residents who wish to enter the contest are invited to call the city and leave their names and addresses, so they may be included on the round to me made by the judges.



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LINDA G. ROSS RECOVERING FROM BROKEN LEG, BRUISES

Linda Gayle Ross, eight year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ross, is recovering from injuries she received when she was struck by a car Friday afternoon on a Robert Lee street. Witnesses said the little girl darted in front of the moving vehicle when she attempted to cross the street. She was admitted to Shannon Hospital in San Angelo for treatment of a broken leg, minor cuts and bruises. Relatives reported early this week that Linda is progressing nicely, but will have to stay in the hospital several weeks.

Hospital News

Dec. 5 — Mrs. C. E. Bell, Patti Lynn Ivey, Sheila Light admitted. Amanda Grote, Mrs. Jettie Robbins, Mrs. James Hall dismissed.
 Dec. 6 — Mrs. C. E. Bell, Patti Lynn Ivey dismissed.
 Dec. 7 — Bill Bruner, Mrs. James McClure admitted.
 Dec. 8 — Albert Palmer, Mrs. James McClure dismissed.
 Dec. 9 — Mrs. Walter Hester, Sheila Light dismissed.
 Dec. 10 — Mrs. Joseph Nadolny, Mrs. Robert Sanchez admitted. Mrs. Joseph Nadolny dismissed.
 Dec. 11 — Mrs. Douglas Gartman, L. C. Sellers, Mrs. Oda Benton, Charles Farris admitted.

Ten patients remained in the Hospital and eight were in the Nursing Home Tuesday.

ATTEND AUNT'S FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker, Mrs. Joyce Dodson and Mary Beth Dodson were in Winters last Wednesday, Dec. 6, to attend funeral services for the ladies aunt, Mrs. W. H. Cain, 80. Mrs. Cain died Dec. 4 in a Winters Hospital. She was born Caffie May Lett, May 4, 1887 in Alabama. She came to Bell County, Texas at the age of 13 and married Mr. Cain there May 26, 1904. They moved to Winters in 1908 and had been residents of this area most of the time since. Mr. Cain died in 1941. Survivors include two sisters and several nieces and nephews.

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Tuesday, Dec. 19
 Turkey and dressing with giblet gravy, candied sweet potatoes, green beans, celery sticks, hot rolls, butter, milk, mandarin orange salad.
Wednesday, Dec. 20
 Hot dogs with chili, buttered corn, combination salad, potato chips, milk, gingerbread.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PLAY IS NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT

"A Song and a Christmas Tree" will be presented next Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Music students in grades one through six will present the play, directed by Mrs. Wilson Bryan, music teacher in Robert Lee schools.

Everyone is invited to attend and there will be no admission charge.

SSGT. COLE AT LAREDO

Laredo, Tex. — Staff Sergeant Jimmie L. Cole, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Everett Ackerman of Robert Lee, has arrived for duty at Laredo AFB, Tex.

Sgt. Cole, an air operations supervisor, is assigned to a unit of the Air Training Command. He previously served at Pleiku AB, Vietnam.

Cole is a 1962 graduate of the Stockton, Calif., High School and is a veteran of the Korean War.

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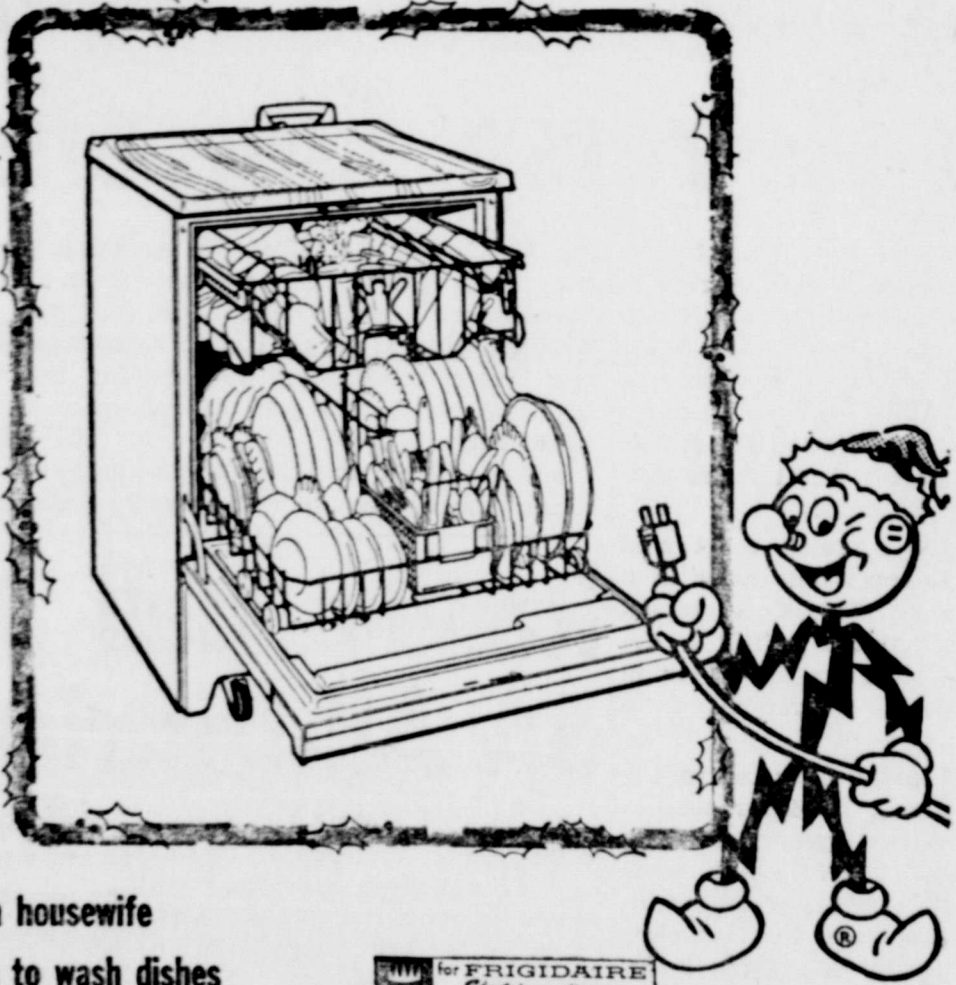
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Robert Lee School News

Steers Receive Letter Jackets

A proud moment for the Steers came Friday when they were presented their letter jackets in a student assembly.

Ten seniors preferred blankets to another jacket. The blankets are bright orange with a large orange letter in the center and a black trim. The jackets are predominantly orange with gray sleeves. The students of R.L.H.S. are very proud of the 1967 Steer team and expressed their approval with hearty applause.

Randy Hall added still another feather in his helmet after being named as end on the all area team this week.

Receiving the awards, named by Coach Kenneth Mitchell, were: Seniors who received blankets — Gary Williams, Tooter Fields, Lonnie Bloodworth, Donnie Devoll, Ronnie Devoll, Gary Parker, Randy Hall, Danny Smith, Mike Post and Ricky Whitaker.

Steers receiving jackets were: Mike Mumford, James Fields, Jack Preslar, Joe Key, Bob Thomason, Bill Burns, Teddy Millican, Lynn Beal, Darrel Pitcock, Roy Blair, Terry Hines, Andy Cole; also managers Bucky Sparks and Freddie Smith.

"Scrooge" to be Presented Dec. 20

The public is invited to attend a play to be presented by the first year Spanish students on Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 10 a.m. in the auditorium. There is to be the all-time Christmas favorite, the story of "Scrooge." The main characters will be Scrooge, played by Andy Cole; Tiny Tim, by Walter Tinkler; and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cratchit, portrayed by Roy Blair and Kathy Denman. This promises to be an entertaining program, and all parents and visitors are welcome.

Spanish Club Party

The Spanish Club had a party Tuesday, Dec. 5, at the home of Mrs. Pauline Coalson. Attending were Waldon Millican, Scott Jones, Sue Weddle, Vic Dodson, La Vina Yarbrough, Rodney Mathers, Kathy Denman, Sue Perci-full, Lane Beaty, Thomas Mc-Broom, Richard Long, Mike Bras-uel, Donna Mitchell, Randy Hall, Mikie Davis, Smokey Blair, and Debbie Shoemaker. Special guests were Miss Joyce Mize and Dale Hamby.

The group enjoyed a meal of tacos, Mexican beans, salad and iced tea, with cookies, fudge and brownies for dessert.

Rodney and Kathy provided en-

tertainment of guitar, record, and piano playing.

H. E. Girls in Style Show

The Homemaking students presented a style show Wednesday for the entertainment of the student body. Each girl modeled the garments which she had constructed during the year in home-making, plus an added humorous attraction consisting of some "originals." The show was presented by the Future Homemakers and directed by the sponsor, Mrs. Guerrant.

News Briefs

Monday, Dec. 18, a representative will be at school to take orders for senior rings and commencement invitations.

The faculty of Robert Lee attended a small schools teachers meeting Monday night. The meeting, scheduled to be held at Bronte, took place at Robert Lee due to a water leak in the Bronte school building.

Basketball Events

Several basketball events are being scheduled at present. The High School A team boys and girls will participate in a tournament in Stanton this weekend, Dec. 14-16. The girls' first game is to be against Post at 3 p.m. The boys will take on Stanton at 8 p.m.

Games opening district play will be held in Roscoe next Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m.

Junior High teams are scheduled to meet Grape Creek here at 6 p.m., Friday, Dec. 15.

The public is urged to come out and support the fine basketball teams we have this year.

Band to Take Part in Parade

The Band will participate in the Christmas Party to be sponsored by the B.C.D. next Saturday. They will play several Christmas numbers. The entertainment by the band will begin at 2:45 p.m. The band is under the direction of L. W. Parker and drum major Vernay Vaughan.

Elementary Operetta Tuesday

The annual Elementary Operetta, under direction of Mrs. Wil-son Bryan, will be held Tuesday, Dec. 19, in the auditorium. The play, to which the public is cordially invited, is entitled "A Song and a Christmas Tree."

School To Dismiss Dec. 20

School will be dismissed for the Christmas holidays on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 2:45 p.m. Classes will be resumed on Jan. 2, 1968.

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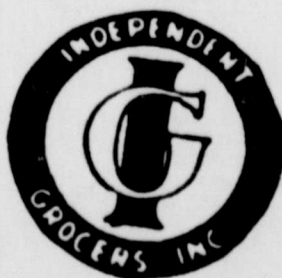
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New Mexico Rites For Alex Eubanks

Funeral services were held Saturday in Lovington, N. M., for Alex Eubanks, a Bronte native. Mr. Eubanks died Thursday from burns suffered when a plugged oil line blew out and sprayed him with hot oil. One other man was killed in the fire and four others critically burned.

Mr. Eubanks was born in Bronte and was married to the former Thula Murtishaw. They had lived in Maljamar, N. M., where he was employed by Caprock Oil Co., for about five years.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Donald D. Eubanks of Lovington and Darwin Eubanks of Maljamar; two daughters, Mrs. Chloe Lucas of Florida and Mrs. June Langhicker of Maljamar; five sisters, Mrs. Jack Trimble of Robert Lee, Mrs. Merlin Smith of Midland, Mrs. V. M. Box of Odessa and Mrs. Bill Brown of Cross Plains; one brother, Isaac Eubanks of Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Hearn, Mr. and Mrs. Trimble and Mr. and Mrs. Hadley Richards, all of Robert Lee, attended the funeral.



A. H. (Buster) Jones

A. H. Jones Named Deputy Master

A. H. (Buster) Jones of Robert Lee has been named District Deputy Grand Master of Masons for Masonic District No. 77, which includes seven Masonic Lodges in Tom Green, Coke, Sterling and Irion Counties.

Jones, who is employed by Sun Pipe Line Co., is a Past Master of Hayrick Lodge 696, Robert Lee. He is an active member of the Robert Lee Methodist Church, serving as trustee.

His appointment was made by the newly-elected Grand Master of Texas Masons, J. W. Chandler of Houston, as the 132nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas was concluded in Waco Dec. 7.

District Deputy Grand Masters are appointed for each of the 132 Masonic Districts of Texas. They are the personal representatives of the Grand Master, head of the state's largest fraternal organization with nearly 250,000 members.

Hayrick Lodge in Robert Lee and Bronte Lodge will be under Jones' jurisdiction.

EL VALLE CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The El Valle Garden Club met December 11 in the home of Mrs. Mert Donley for their annual Christmas luncheon. Mrs. Wayne Reed was co-hostess.

Mrs. Les Copeland furnished a background of Christmas music throughout the luncheon. Instead of exchanging gifts, each member brought a pot plant for patients in the Nursing Home.

Nine members and one visitor were present.



Notes From The Oil Field

Tucker Drilling Co. Inc. of San Angelo completed a well 1 1/2 miles southeast of Silver, Coke County, in the Bloodworth (5,750) Field.

It is No. 1 Clara Walker, 660 feet from the south and 2,102 feet from the east lines of Section 256, Block 1-A, H&TC Survey.

Daily potential was 129 barrels of 43-gravity oil. Flow was through an 18-64-inch choke with 600 pounds casing and 400 pounds tubing pressures.

It is producing from perforations at 5,767-74 and 5,792 to 5,802 feet. The 4 1/2-inch casing is set at 5,929 feet, one foot off bottom. Gas-oil ratio was 1,853-1.

Dry Hole

Sun Oil Co., Dallas, No. 7 H. L. Bloodworth, wildcat, 660 feet from the north and 1,650 feet from the west lines of 325-1A, H&TC, 16 miles northwest of Robert Lee, 5,900 feet.

Greetings To Run In Next Observer

Next week's edition of The Observer, which will come out Dec. 21, will be the annual Christmas greeting edition. Most Robert Lee merchants will carry greeting ads in the paper, wishing a happy holiday season to their friends and customers.

Many business firms have already been contacted regarding these ads, and anyone who has not been contacted is invited to call The Observer office. New, sparkling greeting ads have been purchased and they have exquisite art work and wording which carry the spirit of Christmas.

Merchandising, Too

Since three full shopping days will remain before Christmas when next week's paper is published, merchants are also invited to give one final push to their Christmas sales by running merchandise ads in the paper. For assistance in working up copy, please call 453-3501. Latest art work is available for presenting Christmas gift merchandise.

The Observer of Dec. 28 will be printed immediately after next week's edition comes off the press. The week after Christmas is the only one in the year in which the staff can take a short vacation, and the New Year's paper will be printed early to make this possible. Anyone who work is available for presenting greeting or merchandising ad is requested to contact the office during the next few days, so the copy can be prepared in time to be included.

The cooperation of everyone in meeting this unusual schedule is asked and will be greatly appreciated.

A GIRLS WIN LAKE VIEW, B GIRLS WIN EOLA BB TOURNAMENTS

Robert Lee's girls basketball teams did well last weekend when the A team took third place honors in the Lake View tournament and the B girls won second place at a tourney at Eola.

In the opening game at Lake View the local lassies downed Bangs 61-41. Lois Heuvel was top scorer with 23. Others who scored in two digits were Jackie Conley with 18 and Judy Gartman with 16.

The second game, this time Nucces Canyon, ended with Robert Lee on the long end of a 45-38 score. Heuvel was again high pointer with 18; Gartman had 16 and Conley 11.

The third contest saw the girls losing to a strong Lake View team, which went on to win top honors. Score was 54-43. Heuvel sank 24 points, Gartman made 10 and Conley had 9.

In the final game, Robert Lee's girls went past Talpa-Centennial, 43-41, in a thriller. Heuvel and Conley tied for scoring honors with 19 each.

Heuvel and guard Kathy Denman were selected for the mythical all-tournament team.

Eola Tourney

Meanwhile, over at Eola the girls B team was busy winning second place honors in that tournament. In their first game they defeated Miles, 21-12. Sue Weddle

was high scorer with 10.

The second game saw Lohn A team go down before the Robert Lee B's onslaught, 34-28. Weddle and Linda Blair tied for top honors with 13 each.

The hosting Eola girls were not too hospitable toward their guests in the tourney finals, as they downed the local girls 47-31 to take the top spot, and giving the Robert Lee girls second place. Elaine Fikes was high pointer in that game with 17. Weddle had 10.

Mertzson Games

Three teams traveled to Mertzson Tuesday night and brought home three victories.

The A team downed the Hornets 74-54. Quinn Conley was high pointer with 34.

The A girls won their contest in a squeaker, 55-53. Heuvel was high with a big 29, Conley sank 16 and Gartman went in for 9.

The B boys took an easy 51-28 victory from their hosts.

In games played here last Thursday night, the A boys took a 65-51 win from Mertzson. Gary Parker was high man with 20. The B team won a victory, 35-30, in an overtime. Bob Thomason was high pointer with 14.

Boys and girls A teams will enter a tournament this weekend at Stanton. Both teams will play Post in their first games of the tourney. Girls will play at 3 p.m. Thursday and boys will play at 8 p.m.

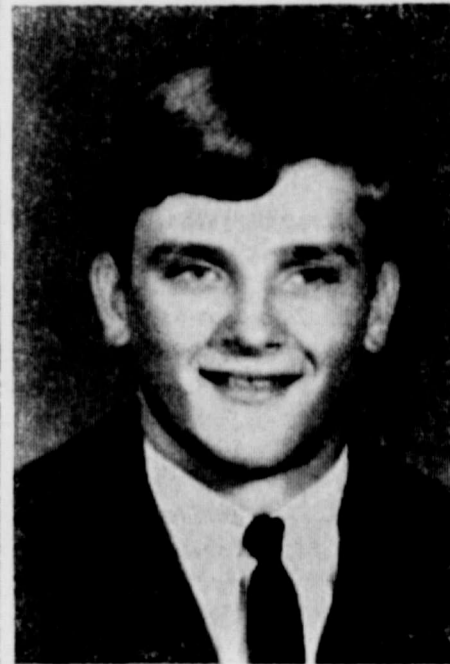
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DANNY SMITH

Danny Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith, was elected as F.H.A. Beau by the F.H.A. members. Danny, a senior, is a two year letterman on the Steers football squad, a member of the basketball team, and is also a member of the F.F.A. chapter. Danny is active in the local Explorer Scout Post and holds Eagle Scout rank.

California Rites For Mrs. Mustin

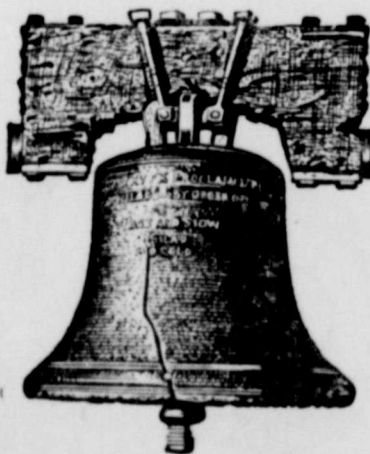
Mrs. Emma P. Muston, 81, died at her home in Mountain View, Calif., Nov. 17 of a heart attack. She had been in ill health since July 1964, when she had a first attack.

Mrs. Muston was a graduate of Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth and was a teacher for some 10 years. She was married to the Rev. Will Muston, long time Baptist minister. The couple pastored churches in Sanco and Robert Lee in 1917-18 before Mr. Muston entered the Army as a chaplain and went to France.

The couple left Texas in 1924, going to Montana. They served churches in the Northwest and went to Colorado for 10 years. Mr. and Mrs. Muston attempted retirement in 1954, but spent seven of the 12 years since serving churches in four states on an interim basis.

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Coke Livestock Protective Association Elects New Officers At Meeting

New officers for 1968 for the Coke County Livestock Protective Association were elected during the annual meeting of the group last Saturday night at the County Park in Robert Lee. A barbecue supper was served.

C. E. McGuire, vice president, presided at the business meeting in the absence of the president, Paul Coulter. Elected to serve the association for the next year were:

Paul Burns, Robert Lee, President; Gorman Walker, Robert Lee, vice president; Tom Lear, San Angelo, secretary and Roy Tinkler, Robert Lee, treasurer.

The Board of Directors consists of M. C. Hendry and L. B. Menielle, Precinct 1; C. E. McGuire and Ed Cumble, Precinct 2; Cooper Chapman and Finis Harmon, Precinct 3; and Tom Lear and Gorman Walker, Precinct 4.

Purpose of the association is to combat and discourage thefts of livestock of all types in Coke County. There is only one charge to become a members and that is two cents per head of sheep, goats or hogs, and ten cents for each head of horses or cattle in the members breeding stock, or a flat sum of \$3.00, whichever is the greater. Officers do not anticipate any additional charge

unless the \$1,000 reward for arrest and conviction is paid.

Applications for membership can be secured through the office of Sheriff Melvin Childress at the courthouse, or through the president or secretary. Members are entitled to display the \$1,000-reward sign on their gate.

Funeral Rites Held For Mrs. Green, 46

Funeral services were held Saturday in Big Lake for Mrs. Jerry D. (Audra V.) Green, 46, in First Methodist Church at Big Lake. A resident of Big Lake, Mrs. Green died Thursday in an Odessa hospital after a short illness.

Burial was in Wilmeth Cemetery.

Mrs. Green was born July 29, 1921, in Wilmeth and was married there June 22, 1940. She was a member of Tuscola Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Joe Henson of Canyon and Miss Nancy Green of Big Lake; her mother, Mrs. Ellen Ballew of Winters; and two brothers, Alton and Dee Ballew, both of Abilene.

Mrs. Ethel Green of Robert attended the funeral services.

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CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means to express our thanks to our many friends for the flowers, cards and many other acts of kindness during my stay in the hospital. May God bless you.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Sheppard

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Audra V. Green wants to thank our friends for your kindness, the flowers and food during the illness and death of Audra V. Green. May God bless each of you.

GARAGE SALE

Knick Knacks, junk, clothing, will be for sale at my home beginning Friday noon through Saturday. It's the green house on Austin Street. Clifford Wilson. 1tc

FOR SALE—10 formals, assorted colors and range in size from 5 to 12. 1 three-quarter suede coat, 1 off white coat, both have fur collars. Call 453-5331 after 5:30 or on weekends. 2tc

NO HUNTING

Because of past abuses, no hunting will be allowed on **THE J. W. ARLEDGE ESTATE** and **PALMER LEEPER RANCHES** in COKE and NOLAN COUNTIES for 1967-1968 season. Game Warden patrolled. 28-St

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H D Agent's News Dept.

By MRS. FAY C. ROE

Living Christmas Tree

How about a year-around Christmas tree?

Your Christmas tree can serve a dual purpose: with lights, brightly colored balls and tinsel it adds holiday spirit to any room, planted in your yard it can bring additional years of enjoyment.

Buy an evergreen which is balled and burlapped or grown in a container. After Christmas plant it in the yard.

The tree should have a straight trunk, uniform shape and fairly dense foliage. The foliage should not feel dry.

Lack of good color and fragrance indicate excessive dryness.

Do not keep the live Christmas tree in the house more than seven days. Store it in an unheated place until decoration time. Then place the root ball in a container large enough to allow several inches of damp sawdust or peat moss around the ball.

Put the tree in a cool corner away from the fire place or heating vents. Always carry the plant by the soil ball, never grasping the trunk. The soil's weight can damage the roots.

Outside, plant the tree at least 20 feet from the house where it can not be crowded by other trees.

Home Notes

Bringing up a cook in your family? How about a Christmas present just for her new role. Give her her very own cooking outfit — an apron, potholder, perhaps a bowl or cookie sheet, and her cookbook. Several books are out now especially designed for the young cook. They have simple recipes, cute ideas and are easy reading. And don't forget Dad's little helper with outdoor cooking. He might like an apron, mitten potholder and some utensils himself.

Need help with December menus until Christmas? Let the U. S. Department of Agriculture help you with their plentiful food list. Top spots go to oranges, grapefruit, grape juice, cabbage, broiler-fryers and turkeys. Watch for specials on them.

Weight-watchers, bird-sized breakfasts or skipping whole meals is for the birds. Eat a good breakfast and learn enough caloric arithmetic to even out your day's quota over the three meals. Normally active housewives need 2,100 calories (age 20 to 35) and 1,900 (age 35 to 55).

For best cooking to conserve food nutrients remember these three R's: reduce amount of water; reduce cooking time; reduce the amount of surface area exposed.

Land Bank To Pay Dividend In January

Dividend payments totaling \$18,932.40 will be paid to members of the San Angelo Federal Land Bank Association, Manager R. H. Emery has announced.

Emery said the dividend checks would be mailed about January 15th to the association's 400 farmer-rancher stockholders.

The San Angelo Association is one of the 73 farmer-rancher owned associations in Texas served by the Federal Land Bank of Houston.

The local association makes land bank loans in Coke, Irion, Reagan, Sterling and Tom Green counties. The directors are C. E. Arrott, president, Bronte; J. H. Johnston, vice president, Water Valley; A. J. Sefcik, Vancourt, Wm. C. Pfluger, San Angelo and J. C. Reed of Sterling City.

GIRL SCOUTS, BROWNIES BECOME MEMBERS OF RL TROOP IN INVESTITURE CEREMONIES

An Investiture service was held Sunday afternoon in the Robert Lee School auditorium for members of the Girl Scout and Brownie Scout troops. The girls were officially invested as Girl Scouts of America.

The 13 girls in the Brownie troop who received their pins are in the seven-nine age group. Mrs. Rex Martin, assisted by Mrs. James T. Deen, are leaders.

World Association and girls scout pins were presented to 21 girls in a candle light ceremony. Their ages range from 10-12. Mrs. B. R. Duncan is Junior Scout leader, assisted by Mrs. Royce Wallace.

Three girls who have had one year in scout work received their one year wings and were re-vested into the new troop.

Phyllis Duncan has one year of Brownie work and two years in scouting. She was re-vested into the troop and will continue in scout work.

Mrs. Wilson Bryan furnished Christmas music for the program.

Junior Scouts participating in the ceremony were Karen Bagwell, Mary Ballard, Ardena Boone, Shirley Bazar, Elisabeth Bickley, Tricia Brown, Kay Brice, Phyllis Duncan, Sandra El-dred, Jan Green, Theresa Ham-

bright, Mary Hughes, Rosemary Jasso, Terry Kinsey, Mary Lackey, Patricia Martin, Sharon Prince, Wanda Prine, Pamela Quisenberry, Jo Nell Ross, Anna Kay Rowalt, Teresa Shoemaker, Ginger Salmon, Melissa Streng, Susan Wallace, Johnnie Wright, Linda Havins, Brenda Adams.

Honor guests were Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. C. A. Conner, Mrs. Richard Beene and Rev. and Mrs. Les Copeland.

Brownies who took part in the program were Lorri Martin, Kathy Deen, La Johana Deen, Bobbie Ballard, Judy Christal, Stella Bickley, Virgillia Streng, Cathy Roe, Carla Wojtek, Lana Webb, Marilyn Wright, Janice Bloodworth, Mary Kay Baker, Myna Kay Roane, Tammy Hambricht, Sheila Light and Linda Ross.

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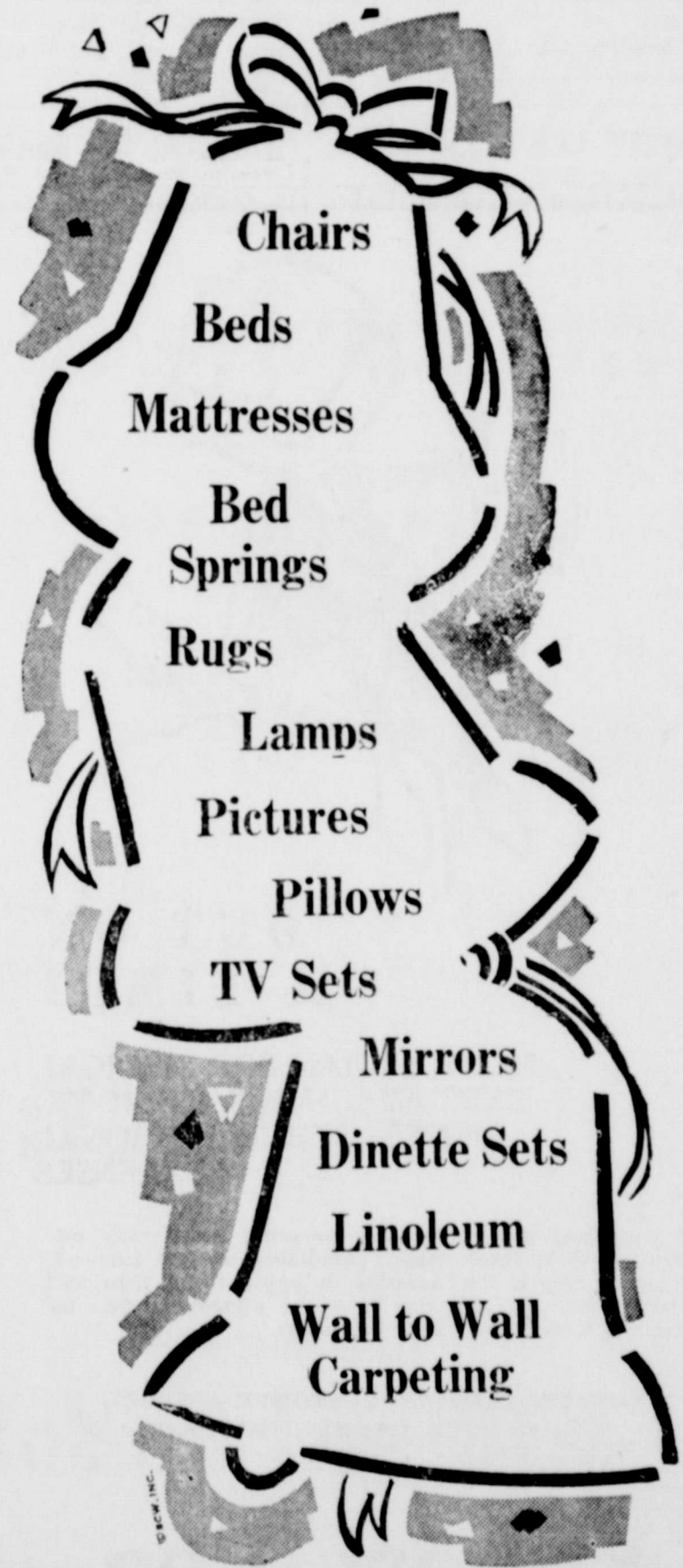
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Larry Fred Jameson Weds Miss Barbara Jean Steger In Angelo Church Rites

The St. Luke Methodist Church in San Angelo was the scene for the Saturday wedding of Miss Barbara Jean Steger to Larry Fred Jameson of Silver. The Rev. Horace Bloodworth read the ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Steger and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jameson, all of San Angelo.

The bride wore a floor-length A-line gown of bonded crepe with appliques of Alencon lace seeded with pearls. Her matching sleeveless coat was of silk organza and extended into a chapel train.

Mrs. Ron Steger, sister-in-law of the bride, was matron of honor and the bridegroom's father served as best man.

Bridesmaid was Mrs. Jerry Tindel of Galveston. Sid Johnson was groomsmen. Ushers were Glyn Jameson, Ron Steger, Eugene Kiesling and Bill Ellis.

Wedding music was furnished by Mrs. Glenn Lewis, soloist, and Mrs. William Warner, organist.

An executive trainee for a San Antonio department store, Mrs. Jameson has a B. S. degree in home economics from Southwest Texas State College. She is a graduate also of San Angelo College and San Angelo Central High School where she was a member of the Tex-Anns and Keystone Tri-Hi-Y.

The bridegroom, also a graduate of SACHS, attended SAC and is engaged in ranching near Silver where the couple will live.

A reception followed the ceremony in the church fellowship hall. Assisting in the houseparty were Miss Lucille Carreon of San Antonio, Mrs. Janna Hodges, Mrs. Danny Sides, Miss Lynn Eddy, Mrs. Mike McDonald, Miss Jane Hill and Miss Gloria Noll.



Mrs. Larry Fred Jameson

WELCOME

Robert Lee Baptist Church
West 11th and Chadbourne
Bill Beatty, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

RONNIE WALKER PROMOTED

Ronnie D. Walker, brother of Mrs. Virgil Streng, recently was promoted to Army specialist four at Camp Blackhorse, Vietnam, where he is a supply truck driver.

Mrs. Ernest Jones and Mrs. J. C. Wallace Jr. visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Nelan Bahlman at Winters last Wednesday.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hall of DeKalb, Texas have been here the past ten days visiting in the home of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hershall Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Gentry of Midland visited Sunday with H. E. Green, who is in Robert Lee Nursing Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Riley and children of San Angelo were weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wilson.

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"FATHOM" Starring Raquel Welch and Tony Franciosa

Parade Will Be At 2:45 P.M.

Featuring Robert Lee School Band, Plus Floats

Drawing Starts At 3:15 P.M.

In Front Of Observer Office

The annual Christmas Party and visit from Santa Claus are sponsored each year by business firms of Robert Lee as a small token of their appreciation for your splendid patronage during the past year. These businessmen appreciate your support, and invite you to visit their stores for your Christmas shopping. You'll find hundreds of items of fine quality merchandise at most reasonable prices—something for everyone on your gift list.

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while the tax assessor-collector and the election judge may have erred, there was no evidence that they had done so with intent to defraud.

Judge Trueman E. O'Quinn of the appeals court said under the circumstances the law should have been liberally construed so as not to disenfranchise qualified voters. O'Quinn added that while election judges were not compelled to allow non-poll tax holders to vote, the fact that they did so was consistent with the ruling handed down by the U. S. Supreme Court.

Another justice of the appeals court, Judge Robert G. Hughes, dissented with his two colleagues in the decision and declared that the election was held at a time when there was a legal vacuum on the question of who were qualified voters. He said that allowing persons to vote without poll tax receipts "was wholly without sanction of law."

CHRISTMAS PARTY —
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want to extend an invitation, on behalf of the BCD, to all residents of the area to be in town Saturday afternoon and have a good time."

Robert Lee merchants have their stores brimming over with Christmas gift merchandise and they invite everyone to do some shopping while in town. Complete lines of gift merchandise and food items will be on sale this weekend at money saving prices and the offerings will be continued all through next week right up until Christmas Eve.

**HELP YOURSELF
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**CLAUDE BROWN HONORED
AT WSCS RECEPTION**

A reception honoring Claude Brown of McCamey was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cumbie Ivey Jr., following church services at the Methodist Church last Sunday night. The reception was sponsored by the WSCS of the church.

The Ivey home was decorated for Christmas. Out of town guests included the Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Masterson, Steve Badley, Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Glenn, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hurley, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rawlings, all of Bronte; Mrs. Calla Mae Cargile of Sweetwater and Mrs. Palmer Leeper of Sanco.

Mr. Brown, a leading Methodist layman, spoke at the church and showed films on his recent visit to the mission field in Bolivia.

Bronte Methodist Youth Fellowship also came to Robert Lee for a joint meeting with the local MYF. They viewed the film "The Prophet," which was produced and shown at the World's Fair in New York, then divided into discussion groups to talk about the film. Tommy Walter is director of the Bronte MYF.

**Registration Must
To Vote In 1968**

Residents of Coke County are reminded that they must register in order to be eligible to vote in 1968 elections. Those who wish to register must apply to the office of Tax Assessor-Collector O. B. Jacobs.

The registration requirement applies to persons 65 years of age as well as to those who are younger. It also applies to young persons who will reach their 21st birthday during the coming year.

**Services Held In
San Angelo For
Tolley Don Havins**

Funeral services for Tolley Don Havins of San Angelo were held Tuesday afternoon in Robert Massie Funeral Chapel, San Angelo. The pastor of First Baptist Church, the Rev. Gordon Clinard, and associate pastor, the Rev. Jack McElhane, officiated at the services. Burial was in Valley View Cemetery.

Mr. Havins died Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at his home, following a long illness.

He was born March 13, 1922, in Phoenix, Ariz., and was married in 1941 at Robert Lee to Miss Margureta Cross. An engineer with National Iranian Oil Co. in Tehran, Iran, for four years, Mr. Havins returned to San Angelo in June 1967. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Big Spring.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Kathy K. Hood of Big Spring and Mrs. Donna Lee Petrick of San Angelo; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Havins of Midland; three sisters, Mrs. Freddy Hightower of Midland, Mrs. Ray Gene Denman of Cleburne and Mrs. C. H. Olsen of San Angelo; three brothers, Raymond Havins of Abilene, Truman Havins of El Paso and Myrph Havins of San Angelo; and two grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Bill Havins, Houston Oney, Travis Roberts and Cleo Havins, all of San Angelo; Bill Allen of Robert Lee and Gayle Beale of Winters.

Robert Lee relatives attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Pat Havins, Mr. and Mrs. Fern Havins, Mrs. Edna Havins, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Roberts.

Observer want ads are very effective and cost very little.

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SET
AT METHODIST CHURCH**

A special Christmas program is planned for the Sunday night service at the Methodist Church. Special musical numbers will be given by the primary and kindergarten department, the intermediates and the senior high groups. Patti Lynn Ivey will give a dramatic reading and Mrs. Wilson Bryan will sing "Holy Night."

The congregation will sing Christmas carols and a candle lighting service will be held.

**Winter Weather
Arrives In County**

Winter has arrived in West Texas and Coke County has had its share of the cold weather during the past several days.

Better than two inches of snow fell over the area Saturday night, to give a real Christmas look to the landscape. However, most of it melted Sunday. Sunshine Sunday, Monday and Tuesday warmed things up considerably, but cloudy, cold and dismal weather greeted Coke residents Wednesday morning.

Call the Observer office for help in selecting your Christmas greeting ad. We have brand new, sparkling art work to dress up your greeting to your friends and customers.

**BCD Talks Over
Last Minute Plans**

Last minute business connected with the annual Christmas party and visit from Santa Claus was discussed at Tuesday's BCD meeting. Also discussed was the BCD's annual Christmas decorations contest. Both of these matters are written up in more detail in other stories in this week's Observer.

President Jim Bickley presided at the meeting and told those present that response to the solicitation of donations and prizes for the Christmas party had been very good.

Bickley also announced that the Texas Supreme Court had turned down to the appeal to invalidate the consolidation election which merged Robert Lee and Silver schools.

Sewer Near Completion
Mayor Robert Vaughan announced that the contractor had informed him that all necessary material and equipment for the completion of the sewer system has arrived. The mayor said that approximately 160 man hours are needed to complete the project, adding that if good weather continues, the plant should be in operation by Jan. 1.

Two visitors, J. O. Rudd and Kent Elliott, and 14 members were present for the meeting.

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